Assistance for elementary education

751. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has asked the Central Government for special financial assistance for overall development of elementary education of SCs, STs and minority students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which the above proposal would be considered and approval conveyed to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Government of Orissa is already implementing a major centrally sponsored scheme for elementary education including addressing the educational needs of SC, ST and minority children in the 6-14 years age group through the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Central University in M.P.

†752. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal under consideration for opening a Central University in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if **so,** by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) There are 24 Central Universities, of which 23 Universities are under the purview of the Ministry **of** Human Resource Development as per the State/Union Territory-wise break-up given in the Statement *(See* below). Subject to finalization of the Xlth Plan, there is a proposal to establish one Central University each in 16 such States, as have no Central University, including Madhya Pradesh. Further, a Bill for setting up a Central Tribal University with its Head Quarters at Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh, is in the process of being introduced in the current session of the Parliament.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State/UT-wise number of Central Universities in the country

SL No.	State/UT	Number of Central Universities
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	2
4.	Delhi	4
5.	Maharashtra	1
6.	Manipur	1
7.	Meghalaya	1
8.	Mizoram	1
9.	Nagaland	1
10.	Pondicherry	1
11.	Sikkim	1
12.	Tripura	1
13.	Uttar Pradesh	4
14.	West Benal	1
	TOTAL:	23

Commission for higher education

753. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Commission for Higher Education;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to merge the University Grants Commission in the new Commission;

(c) whether any draft Bill is ready on the subject; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A proposal to set up 'National Commission on Higher Education' was formulated for inter-departmental consultation. However, the same requires reformulation in the light of the observations of various stake-holders, involved.